

ILLEGIB

P-7.

NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

DEC 11 1967

ILLEGIB

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: FY 1968 SR-72 Program Approval Adjustments

Reference [redacted] from the DNRO, and [redacted] 25X1A
 GR65 received subsequently, which requested reconsideration of the
 FY 1968 funding for Maintenance Crew Assistance and Field Technical
 Representatives.

With respect to the Maintenance Crew Assistance (involving con-
 tracting and funding thru CIA), the FY 1968 program approval is hereby
 increased from [redacted] 25X1A However, there are several qualifica-
 tions involved:

The FY 1968 approval is a recognition of efforts required in
 action for a possible deployment, and to effect backlog reductions.
 it is not to be considered as an automatic sanction of a contin-
 uation of contractor personnel at this level into or beyond FY 1969.

Previous statements and cost reflections to outside reviewers
 category were on the basis that base maintenance would be
 furnished by military personnel, with limited "advisory" assistance
 contractor. The [redacted] team, even if considered a depot-
 operation, can be construed as a substitution of contractor for
 military personnel. Care must be exercised that contractor personnel
 are not hired as substitutes for military.

Paragraph 1 (J) of [redacted] wire states that the first
 five months of FY 1968 operations have been based on this high rate
 (even though the approval was [redacted] and that holding to a [redacted]
 revised approval "would cause a major disruption in program support and
 have an adverse effect on operational readiness." While technically
 the DNRO has had the authority to adjust between categories, it is con-
 sidered that in this instance a rate increase of over three times the
 level should have been called to our attention. It appears, then, that
 future approvals will have to be more restrictive in the future. In this
 instance, the revised [redacted] figure can not be increased without advance
 approval of the DNRO.

NRO

25X1A

25X1A

Cy 6, Series B

Page 1 of 2

25X1A

25X1A

25X1A

[redacted] also requested reconsideration of the Field Technical Representative approval. While not stated in the message, other indications are that the requested amount may include tech reps at Eglin in fairly sizeable numbers. The Nov 23 revised approval included [redacted] related to deployment, so it is not clear if the result of the approval will adversely affect mission effectiveness." Accordingly, the Nov 23 approval is considered applicable until the adverse affects are clarified.

25X1A

25X1A



TOP SECRET

cy 6, Series B

~~4-5~~ 25X1A
~~2-2~~

1A